

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA, d/b/a HICKORYTECH	DOCKET NO. A-02-3118
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ERRATA ORDER

(Issued June 20, 2003)

On May 13, 2003, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an “Order Granting Request for Confidentiality” in Docket No. A-02-3118. The order erroneously grants confidentiality to the revenue information submitted by Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech), as part of its annual report filing.

The Board has held that the total gross revenues of a utility cannot be protected from public inspection since it must be released as part of the assessment of the Board as required by Iowa Code § 476.10. This statute requires the Board assess those amounts not directly chargeable to any specific utility to the public utilities in proportion to their respective gross operating revenues during the last calendar year derived from intrastate operations. The Board must report the gross annual revenues of a utility and thereby make it public information. Because of this

statutory requirement, the Board finds that the total gross revenue amount for HickoryTech's Iowa operations will not be given confidential treatment as requested.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Ordering clause No. 1 in the Board's "Order Granting Request for Confidentiality," issued May 13, 2003, in Docket No. A-02-3118, is modified to correctly state that the request for confidential treatment filed by Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, d/b/a HickoryTech, on April 1, 2003, is granted in part and denied in part, as described in this order.

2. The total gross revenues of Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, d/b/a HickoryTech, submitted as part of its annual report filing will be held from public inspection for 14 days from the date of this order and after 14 days will be open for public inspection, unless a court directs the Utilities Board to keep the information confidential.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Maragret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20th day of June, 2003.